

## **MACARTHUR**

**PLANNING** *MacArthur BART Station Westside Pedestrian Enhancement Project:* In 2002/2003, the City of Oakland and BART received a Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant to explore alternatives for improving pedestrian access from neighborhoods located west of the freeway to the BART station. Recommendations have been developed with the MacArthur BART Station community. This project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2004. The City of Oakland and BART will seek capital funding to implement the recommendations.

**DEVELOPMENT** The City of Oakland, BART and the MacArthur Citizens Planning Committee (CPC) have been working in partnership since 1993 to develop the MacArthur BART station area into a safe, vibrant, pedestrian-scale mixed-use transit village. A major goal of the partnership is to mend the community split in two by the freeway's infrastructure through a comprehensive development effort. This effort includes complete redevelopment of the east parking lot, enhancements to 40<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the station and crossing under Interstate 980, and infill development and streetscape improvements along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

In the Summer of 2003, BART and the City of Oakland terminated exclusive negotiations with Creative Housing Associates and each agency received authorization to issue a new private development solicitation. The Request for Proposals was prepared and released in late summer and five proposals were received. An evaluation committee comprised of BART staff, City staff and community representatives has been established to identify a preferred development team. In addition, on August 2003, the BART Board authorized exclusive negotiations for a mixed use project with a property owner adjacent to BART's property at the corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

The City of Oakland has secured \$500,000 in Alameda County Congestion Management Agency grant funds to conduct the EIR/EIS process and for schematic designs of the BART garage and other public infrastructure as part of any transit oriented development proposed on the east side of the station. An environmental consultant has been retained by the City to conduct this effort. Next steps include environmental analysis, fiscal analysis, evaluation of development alternatives, and public-private financing arrangements.

As part of the "Art at BART" program, and in conjunction with the elevator work at the station (see below), artist Mark Adams has created new murals for station walls. The art installation was completed in winter 2002-2003 and will be honored along with the

inauguration of the elevators. In addition, the bike improvements made at the station have been color coded to complement the art.

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** The District is nearing completion of two new platform elevators at the MacArthur Station. This project addresses existing accessibility issues at the station and will improve elevator operations and reliability. The project is expected to be completed in the winter of 2002/2003. Seventy new bike racks and 12 lockers have been installed. New ADA-compliant safety tiles have been installed along the BART platform edge.

**REINVESTMENT** This station had the station canopy re-roofed in 2002 and is scheduled to have new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the station itself in 2004 and the parking lot in 2005, as part of ongoing station renovation program activities.